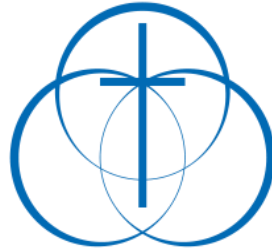


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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Pastor

December 15, 2024

***Our mission is to share Christ with the world through worship,
service and witness.***

THE CONFIDENT DECLARATION OF THE DIVINE EXCHANGE

1. Jesus was punished...
... **that I am forgiven. (Isaiah 53:5)**
2. Jesus was wounded...
... **that I am healed. (Isaiah 53:5)**
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness...
... **that I have been made righteous with His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9)**
4. Jesus died our death...
... **that we share His life (Hebrews 2:9, John 10:10)**
5. Jesus was made a curse...
... **that I have entered into spiritual blessings (Galatians 3:13)**
6. Jesus became poor on our behalf...
... **that I have become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9, John 10:10)**
7. Jesus bore our shame...
... **that I share His glory (Hebrews 12:2)**
8. Jesus endured our rejection...
... **that I have His acceptance (Ephesians 1:5-6)**
9. Our old self died in Jesus...
... **that I have become a new creation (Colossians 3:-10)**

(*Please stand, if able)

Sunday, December 15, 2024

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

**Third Sunday in Advent - Joy
A Christmas Program**

Prelude... *“Prayer for Peace”* by Taylor

Mary Jane Clark, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Scott Heckert, Worship Leader

* Passing of the Peace

* Ringing of the Bells

* Lighting of the Third Candle of Advent

Patty McDowell

This morning we light three candles, the candles of hope, peace and joy. This candle reminds us that we have reason to be joyful, even in the midst of strife. We remember that the angel proclaimed Christ’s birth as “Good news of great joy to all people.” We celebrate today with joyful hearts and commit ourselves to spreading that joy to the world around us.

* Call to Worship:

Leader: Rejoice, for God is here!

People: God is our strength and our light.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God.

People: We will sing praises for all the earth to hear!

* Hymn of Praise #238 (Hymnal)

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

(The Lord’s Prayer: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**)

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory... *“The Shepherd Song”* by Lully

* Offertory Response #95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christmas Program
Did You Hear What Happened in Bethlehem?

Welcome...Kathy Irej, Sunday School Superintendent

“All I Want for Christmas” – Puppet Show – written by Kathy Irej
Puppets made by Nancy Goodish

Cast: Jimmy – John Petrovay

John – John Simpson

Cindy – Olivia Jones

Sally – Lori Dempsey

Displaying Props – Nancy Goodish

“What Child is This?”

Trio – Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Tyrone Zerbe and Tom Wieser

Words written by William Chatterton Dix

Writer of the music in in dispute.

“When Jesus was Born”, A Study in Contrasts

Poem written by Elizabeth C. Irej, Kathy’s Mom

Read by Olivia Jones

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

The Bell Choir led by Nancy Goodish

Music a traditional French carol, author unknown.

“Away in a Manger”

The Ladies’ Ensemble, led by Nancy Goodish

Words written by William J. Kirkpatrick - Music written by James Ramsey Murray

“The Sock Tree Devotional”

Read by Lori Dempsey

Written by Kathy Irej

“The First Christmas Worship”

Read by Kathy Irej

Devotional – written by Kathy Irej based on a sermon by Rev. William J. Irej,
Kathy’s Dad

“Do You Hear What I Hear”?

Nancy Goodish, Soloist

Fred King, Jr., Accompanist

Words written by Noel Regney – Music written by Gloria Shayne

“The Story Behind O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Read by Tyrone Zerbe

Written by Lucy Neeley Adams

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Congregations sings) Mary Jane Clark, Accompanist

Words written by Phillips Brooks - Music written by Lewis Redner

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And Peace to all on earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So, God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

A Christmas Quiz – written by Kathy Irej

Cast: Elisabeth – Janis McCoy

Mary – Melissa Krieger

Anna – Olivia Jones

The Three Wise Men Speak – written by Kathy Irej

Cast: Wise Man One: Tyrone Zerbe

Wise Man Two: John Simpson

Wise Man Three: Rick Frischolz

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Rev. Gloria A. Jun, Soloist

Accompaniment by Fred King, Jr.

Words written by Mark Lowry

Music written by Buddy Greene

“Did You Hear What Happened in Bethlehem?”

Produced by Kathy Ireby

Directed by Kathy Ireby and Nancy Goodish

Sound by Brandon Dempsey

Costumes assigned by Nancy Goodish

May you experience a deeper relationship with Jesus this Christmas!

* Benediction

* Postlude... *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* 18th c Latin Hymn

Memory Verses:

This Week: *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”* Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)

Last Week: The Confident Declaration of the Divine Exchange

Lectionary Readings:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

Ongoing Prayer Needs:	Greg Clark
Kathy Ireby	Cora Jean Qualey
Jane Jancisin	Jessie Roycroft
Rick & Joyce Frischolz	

Statistics: Attendance last Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 49; Sunday School, 6

Homebound: Mrs. Jane Jancisin, Westmoreland Manor, 2480 S. Grande Boulevard, Greensburg, PA 15601

Birthdays: December 15, Pastor Jun; December 16, Janis McCoy; December 17, Jim McConville, Ginny O’Rourke and Tom Weiser

Received December 8, 2024

General Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,958.00	-\$ 1,342.00
Year-to-date	\$ 161,700.00	\$ 135,287.54	-\$ 26,412.46
Building Fund	Budget	Received	Status
Last Week	\$ 190.00	\$ 130.00	-\$ 60.00
Year-to-date	\$ 9,310.00	\$ 6,367.00	-\$ 2,293.00

This Week

Sunday	Third Sunday in Advent Christmas Program during the worship service Christmas cards are being collected. Place your cards in the box provided. See Notes of Interest.
Monday	No Prayer Group until January.
Tuesday	Church Council, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Advent service, 6:30 p.m. Topic is Revival.
Saturday	AA meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

December 21	Blue Christmas service, 6:30 p.m. See Notes of Interest,
December 22	Christmas party after the worship service. See the sign-up sheet.
December 24	Christmas Eve candlelighting service, 7:00 p.m.

Notes of Interest:

Please Note: We will be locking the front door around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning. If you need to leave and come back in, please let someone know so they can open the door for you.

The December newsletter is available on the gift table in the narthex. Please pick up yours and sign your name on the sheet provided. There is a lot of information in the newsletter about December happenings.

Christmas Card Delivery: We will once again have our Christmas card delivery. For our new church members, you address your cards to members in the congregation and then the cards are hand delivered to them for .25 cents per card. A list of current active members will be provided. **We do not mail any of the cards.**

The Christmas box is in the narthex where you can drop your cards. You may include your donation with the cards (the cards will be checked frequently) or you may place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Christmas Card Delivery" and your name. Checks can be made out to Circleville Church and mark in the memo line, "Christmas Cards".

Advent Service on Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.: Topic is Revival. Be renewed and enlivened in your soul and spirit as a new creation in the power of the Holy Spirit.

December 21-Blue Christmas service, 6:30 p.m. A blue service is for those hurting during the holidays. See more information in the December newsletter.

Christmas Cookie Exchange: It's that time of the year again where we all eat (or overeat) all those wonderful cookies that we don't eat the other 11 months of the year. If you would love to have a sample of cookies that are different than the ones you make, please sign up in the narthex for the cookies exchange. You will make (at most) 11 dozen of one type of Christmas cookies. If we have more than 10 bakers sign up, then we will split the list to keep your baking to 11 dozen. One dozen you make will go to AA. The other 10 will be exchanged.

1. Please pack these in 1 dozen containers (bags, tins, double Styrofoam plates).
2. Bring your recipe to share or email it to Darlene.
3. Continental Breakfast—It is a busy time of the year, so if you want to just exchange because you have other plans, please indicate no to the continental breakfast. If you are able to stay for the continental breakfast indicate yes.
4. **Sign was by last Sunday, December 8th.**
5. We will exchange the cookies on Saturday, December 21 at 9 a.m.
6. If you want to donate a dozen to AA but do not want to exchange cookies, please drop off the one AA dozen on Saturday morning.

Christmas party, December 22nd, following the worship service. The church will supply the chicken and drinks, but we are asking you to sign up and indicate what covered dish you will bring. We will have games, and we are asking you to bring a \$5-\$10 grab bag gift if you want to be part of the gift exchange. The sign-up sheet is on the long table in the narthex.

Band Meeting Questions

Each week Methodists would meet together in groups of three to five people of the same gender (known as bands), and ask each person the following four questions:

1. What known sins have you committed since our last meeting?
2. What temptations have you met with?
3. How were you delivered?
4. What have you thought, said, or done, of which you doubt whether it be sin or not?

Class Meeting Questions

They also had small group meetings so-called class meeting consisted of 12 people with a series of questions.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I am?
In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass onto another what was told me in confidence? Can I be trusted?
4. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
5. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
6. Did the Bible live in me today?
7. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?

8. Am I enjoying prayer?
9. When did I last speak to someone about my faith?
10. Do I pray about the money I spend?
11. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
12. Do I disobey God in anything?
13. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
14. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
15. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
16. How do I spend my spare time?
17. Am I proud?
18. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisee who despised the publican?
19. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I going to do about it?
20. Do I grumble and complain constantly?
21. Is Christ real to me?

Message of Salvation

Are you saved?

Are you confident that you would go to heaven if you die at this moment?

Here is the good news for you.

Everyone dies because of sin, and after that ...

You will die someday because of sin. You cannot avoid death, and death is not the end, but the beginning of an eternal life. What's important is where and how you will live eternally. With eternal happiness in heaven or eternal suffering in hell? If you deal with your sin, you can enter the heaven and live there eternally. How?

Jesus Christ has redeemed your sin.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and bore the cross shedding his blood to redeem your sin and triumphed in his resurrection. Through his sacrifice, Christ paid off your sin and purchased a place for you in heaven, which he offers as a free gift.

If you want for your sins to be forgiven and to be saved ...

1. Accept Christ's invitation by repenting your sins by asking,
"Lord, I repent of all my sins. Please forgive all of my iniquities I have committed, and lead me to your kingdom."
2. Confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior," by praying,
"Lord, I confess that You are my Savior who can deliver me from the eternal damnation of sin and death. Come into my heart and be my master for my entire life."
3. Rejoice, you are forgiven and given an eternal life without condemnation.
4. Congratulations! You become a child of God and a citizen of Heaven.

What's next?

1. Read the Bible, the Word of God, in which you will find Truth and Peace.
2. Join a local church where you will grow in faith
3. Do good works as much as you can. Sharing God's love for others is a form of worship.

If you, having read this, trusted Jesus for eternal salvation, please let us know. We would like to help you to grow spiritually.

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